and wore it some time there also 3 which Mr Secretary being told of, he made certain verses and had Hales to smg them in his chamber It was told her Majesty that Master Secretary had rare music and songs She would needs hear them, and so this ditty was sung in her presence, wherein some of the verses argue that he repines not though her Majesty please to grace others, and contents himself with the favour he hath

20 tb September MR THOMAS BOD LEY

Upon the death of Mr Gilpm the Queen is resolved to send Mr Thomas Bodley back once more to the Low Countries, but he protesteth that he is now so unfit and unable to wield that service that he petitioneth Mr Secretary to be a means that her Majesty will be pleased not to cast the charge upon him

THE BOOTY OF THE CARRACK

The inventory now taken of the goods the carrack *St Valen-tine* showeth of calico 27,442 books besides many thousand bundles of wrought and coloured , of quilts 205 , of Persian carpets 44 , of Turkey carpets 10 , of leather carpets 37 , of raw silks 160 bundles, of sleaved silks 1589 papers , of stuff of silk 36 rolls , of canopies and testers of wrought silk 6 , of seed pearls 14 bags , of pepper 1,095 hogsheads, besides many chests and hogsheads of cinnamon, ginger, green ginger and other conserves (whereof 41 barrels), cloves, maces, rice, cusco, with many medicmable drugs, and of ebony 1,260 pieces

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At Court it is noted that the Queen's health and disposition of body is excellent, she not being in every way better disposed these many years

THE DUKE OF STETTIN AT COURT

Yesterday the young German Duke came to the Court, which is now at Oatlands, where the Queen gave orders that he should be conducted to the garden close to the palace , and here she passed by him several times, walking very brisk, ever taking off her mask and bowing deeply towards the Duke, who, however, was unwilling to make-himself known and stood almost behind his servants The Queen sent also that he might kiss her hand,